

The Salem Sound Current

ECKANKAR

Experience the Light and Sound of God

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"Divine love has no conditions—it simply loves. God loves, but not because we deserve it or have earned it. The reason is simply that God is love, therefore God loves. We are Soul, God's creation, and It loves us because that is its nature." From "HU, the Most Beautiful Prayer" by Sri Harold Klemp. This book can be ordered from your local bookstore or at <http://www.eckankar.org/Books/index.html>.

ECK Worship Service

The ECK Worship Service meets at the Clockworks Café & Cultural Center at 241 Commercial St. NE in downtown Salem, after the Chemeketa & Commercial intersection and after Bridge-stone/Firestone Tires on the same side of the street. We will be meeting in the Conference Room upstairs at our usual time 11 a.m. until noon, on the third Sunday (December 18th, this month). The topic this month is "Finding Your Pathway Home to God." Feel free to invite your family and friends to come along and join in this discussion.

Discover How HU Can Change Your Life for the Better

From moments in the distant past until the immediate present, there have been times when you have wished for something you could do to change your life for the better. Well, now you can. HU is an ancient name for God and when it is sung with love in your heart, God's Love works with you, as Soul, in a new and exciting way. Come and experience singing the HU with others and see what IT has to show you. The next Community HU will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd from 7-8 p.m. in the Salem Public Library Boardroom. Invite your friends and family members to come along. Meanwhile, if you would like to hear thousands of people singing HU, go to <http://www.eckankar.org/hu.html>.

Save these dates: June 22-24, ECKANKAR Oregon Regional Seminar in Bend. Learn and meet with ECKists from across Oregon and other nearby states. More information coming later.

Take the Next Step-Join an ECK Satsang Class

Experience the miracle of spiritual growth with ECKANKAR Membership and The Easy Way Discourse Class. Reading the ECK books is a nice start, but if you really want to get serious about your spiritual path nothing is as effective and rewarding as becoming a member of ECKANKAR, getting the discourses, and discussing them in an ECK Satsang Class.

If you currently are a member of ECKANKAR and have the discourse Soul Travel 2, a new Satsang class will be discussing that discourse starting in February. Call Lauren at 503-428-1005 for information about joining any ECK classes.

Giving Your Children a Spiritual Foundation for Life

ECKANKAR has study programs, classes and other activities for children and their families with specially trained facilitators/teachers to help children develop their own paths to God as soon as they become interested. Call Lauren at 503-428-1005 for more information.

Public ECKANKAR Events for You, Your Friends and Families

You're cordially invited to attend ECK Worship Services in Salem. ECK Worship Services give you a small taste of the ECK Satsang Class experience, one of the most stabilizing, educational, uplifting and enjoyable activities ECKists have the good fortune to attend. Someone reads aloud a brief passage about a spiritual topic. Then those attending sing HU, a love song to God, for a few minutes and follow that with a contemplation of the reading and topic. An open discussion of the topic and how it applies to one's daily life follows. Those who attend often discover how the spiritual guidance of the Mahanta, The Living ECK Master is at work and available more and more in their lives.

ECKANKAR Membership

When someone wishes to learn a new skill or skills, sometimes, if they are fortunate, they get to study and work alongside a master craftsman who can teach them more than they could ever learn out of any book or training class. They get the benefit of all of that person's experience—specially developed techniques, tools, and shortcuts to getting the very best results. In ECKANKAR, we have the good fortune of having a master craftsman in the spiritual arts and sciences with us always. Membership in ECKANKAR enables us to study and work much more closely with the Mahanta, the Living ECK Master as we construct and travel our individual paths to God. Membership provides you with his writings in the form of monthly discourses, quarterly newsletters and members-only meetings to help you grow and unfold spiritually in ways you never dreamed could happen. You have

the opportunity to attend Advanced Spiritual Study Classes called ECK Satsang Classes that help you and others to go ever deeper into the most secret of spiritual teachings with the guidance of the Mahanta and discover how to apply what you learn to your daily life. You can join ECKANKAR online at <http://www.eckankar.org/Membership/index.html>. For more information or to join a class, please call Lauren McLagan at 503-428-1005.

ECK Clergy Services

ECK members and the public are welcome to contact a member of the ECK clergy about the following services.

The four ECK celebrations of life are: The ECK Consecration Ceremony for young children, celebrating new life and a new phase in Soul's journey home to God; the ECK Rite of Passage for boys and girls of about age thirteen, celebrating their personal commitment to the ECK teachings; the ECK Wedding Ceremony; and the ECK Memorial Service.

The ECK Spiritual Aide session, though not counseling, can help you find your own answers in challenging situations through the personal guidance of Divine Spirit. The ESA session is conducted by an ECK Spiritual Aide, (ESA) who is an ECK cleric specially appointed and trained to offer this assistance.

The ECK Initiator helps facilitate an Initiation when an ECKist receives an Initiation slip for the next Initiation and makes an appointment with the Initiator to receive it. The Initiation is actually given by the Mahanta. An Initiator is an ECK cleric specifically appointed and trained to offer this service.

There are no fees for the above services, but ECK clerics accept donations to ECKANKAR. For more information, please contact:

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